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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINES IAEA BOARD STATEMENT RE:

NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: IN STATEMENT AT IAEA BOARD, PHILIPPINES
TIED PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE
TO PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S
THROUGH IAEA. PHILIPPINES LIKELY TO RAISE SAME
ARGUMENTS AT PREPCOM AND CONFERENCE ITSELF.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN STATEMENT FEBRUARY 13 TO IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DURING CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
COMMITTEE AND IAEA REGULAR PROGRAM OF TA FOR 1974,
PHILIPPINE RESREP (SIAZON) BEGAN BY NOTING TWO
IMPORTANT EVENTS OF PAST FEW MONTHS IN RELATION TO
AGENCY TA PROGRAM. FIRST WAS APPROVAL BY UNGA OF
RES 3184 RELATING TO CONFERENCE TO REVIEW OPERATION
OF NPT, TO BE HELD AROUND MARCH 1975. SECOND WAS
GREAT INCREASE IN OIL PRICES OVER RECENT MONTHS,
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AND CONSEQUENT DRASTIC EXPANSION OF REQUIREMENT OF

LDC'S FOR ASSISTANCE IN ENERGY-RELATED AREAS INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER, EXPLORATION FOR URANIUM, AND PROCESSING OF OIL SHALE AND OTHER FUNCTIONS RELATED TO USE OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.

3. AGENCY WAS CLOSELY LINKED TO NPT; IT IS MENTIONED BY NAME IN OPERATIVE ARTICLES III AND VIII, AND BOARD DECIDED THAT AGENCY IS APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODY REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE V. ARTICLE IV.2 PERTAINS DIRECTLY TO ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF AGENCY. ACCORDINGLY, THE BOARD, ESPECIALLY PARTIES TO NPT AND PARTICULARLY DEPOSITARY POWERS HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REALIZE PURPOSE OF PREAMBLE AND ARTICLES OF TREATY THROUGH AGENCY.

4. WHILE SAFEGUARDS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF NPT HAD MADE RAPID PROGRESS SINCE SIGNING OF TREATY, PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HAD FALLEN BEHIND. AGENCY COSTS FOR SAFEGUARDS HAD INCREASED FIVEFOLD SINCE 1968, BUT TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HAD INCREASED ONLY BY 50 PER CENT, OVER PERIOD 1971-73 CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND HAD ACTUALLY DECLINED IN DOLLAR VALUE. REQUESTS FOR TA IN 1974 DID NOT YET REFLECT NEW DEMAND CREATED BY ENERGY CRISIS FOR NUCLEAR POWER IN LDC'S. HE FELT THAT BOTH CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD TARGET AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND HAD SUFFERED BY COMPARISON WITH AGENCY PERFORMANCE IN MEETING SAFEGUARDS RESPONSIBILITY, AND WHILE IT DIFFICULT TO RAISE TARGET FOR 1974 NOW, IT WAS INCUMBENT UPON NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE PARTIES AND DEPOSITARIES OF NPT, TO ENSURE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES BE MADE AVAILABLE.

5. AS PARTY TO NPT, PHILIPPINES HOPED FOR SUCCESSFUL REVIEW CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE QTE TO HAVE SLIGHTEST HOPE FOR SUCCESS UNQTE UNLESS ADEQUATE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO MEET NEEDS OF LDC'S FOR TA IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

6. COMMENT: SIAZON IS ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT ADVOCATE, AND HAS INDICATED IN PAST THAT HE INTENDS TO PUSH CONNECTION BETWEEN AGENCY TA AND NPT REVIEW CON-
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REFERENCE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. HE WILL PROBABLY BE INVOLVED IN PHILIPPINES PARTICIPATION IN REVIEW CONFERENCE PREPCOM IN GENEVA, AND IN CONFERENCE ITSELF. ARGUMENT HE MAKES RINGS A RESPONSIVE CHORD AMONG OTHER LDC'S, AND MISSION FEELING IS THAT ONLY REASON IT HAS NOT BEEN VOICED MORE STRONGLY AND OFTEN IN IAEA BOARD IS THAT SO MANY OF MOST VOCAL LDC'S ON BOARD ARE NOT NPT PARTIES (E.G., INDONESIA, INDIA, BRAZIL). PHILIPPINES

WILL VERY LIKELY RAISE ALLEGEDLY INADEQUATE PROVISION
OF TA THROUGH IAEA WHEN REVIEW CONFERENCE CONSIDERS
ARTICL IV OF TREATY, AND WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER LDC'S
TO DO SO. PHILIPPINES WILL PROBABLY ALSO
MAKE SAME COMPARISON IT DID IN BOARD MEETING BETWEEN
IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS UNDER ARTICLE III AND
ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S UNDER ARTICLES IV AND V. US AND
OTHER NWS SHOULD BE PREPARED MEET THIS ARGUMENT IN
PREPCOM AND CONFERENCE. END COMMENT.TAPE

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